



Members of the 110th Congress, 2007-2008



How to Apply:

Please send applications via fax or email,
by April 15, 2009.

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Washington, D.C.

House Fellows Program

One Week Program
June 22 – June 26, 2009
July 27 – July 31, 2009

Hosted by:
The Office of the Historian
U. S. House of Representatives

House Fellows Program

Article I of the Constitution declares that “all legislative Powers” are vested in Congress, but how many citizens really understand what Congress does, and how many have seen the House of Representatives in action? The House Fellows Program provides an opportunity for an insider’s perspective on representative government.

The intensive week-long Program on the history and practice of the House is for secondary education teachers of American history and government. Each component of the House Fellows Program is designed to help educators improve their knowledge and understanding of “The People’s House.” The Program will take place during a week when the House is in session, voting on key bills.

Fellows will have the opportunity to meet their Representative and see the House in session.

They will also participate in insider briefings by the National Archives, the Smithsonian Institution, and the Library of Congress. The Program will also allow the sharing of curricular ideas among fellows, in seminars led by master teachers.

Expenses

Fellows will receive all lodging and meal expenses during the week. The formal program begins Monday and concludes Friday evening. Hotel accommodations will be provided Sunday to Saturday. Participants are responsible for all personal travel expenses.

Congressional Curricula

One goal of the House Fellows Program is to develop curricular materials on the history and practice of the House for use in schools. During the week, fellows will prepare a brief lesson plan on a Congressional topic of their choosing, which will be shared with other fellows. These plans will become part of a teaching resource database on the House.

Requirements

- Applicant must be employed by a public, private, or parochial school in the participating Member’s district.
- Teach or supervise high school level American history or government.
- Submit a resume and a letter of intent stating your desire to participate, your name, school, and district.
- Provide a single page proposal for a possible lesson plan topic relevant to the history and practice of the House or Congressional districts.
- Present one in-service on the history of the House to secondary school teachers in the 2009-10 school year.

Participation

There will be two sessions of the House Fellows Program in 2009. The first session is June 22 – June 26, and the second session is July 27 – July 31. Each Program session is limited to 12 participants, one each from selected Congressional districts. Fellows are chosen through a competitive application process.



*Speaker Pelosi and Republican Leader Boehner
at the opening of the 110th Congress*